

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A server suitable for use in a collaboration system employing a communication network, said server comprising:

a group session control unit for inviting clients to join a virtual shopping session, for creating a group session by integrating a plurality of individual sessions and for passing a command to an application execution unit; and

a page navigation control unit for providing a web page common to each of the individual sessions.

Claim 2 (original): The server according to claim 1, further comprising:

a synchronization control unit for notifying each of individual session destinations of a shared status of the web page; and

a mutual communication control unit allowing a plurality of the individual session destinations to exchange messages.

Claim 3 (original): The server according to claim 1, further comprising initiative switching means for switching ownership of initiative of web page operation.

Claim 4 (original): The server according to claim 1, wherein the page navigation control unit includes a page sharing processing unit for creating data by compiling the web page and an identification value corresponding to the data in response to display of a new web page and for storing the data and the identification value in association with each other.

Claims 5 - 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A computer program product ~~computer-executable program~~ for enabling a computer device to function as a server apparatus suitable for use in a collaboration system employing a communication network to provide a virtual shopping session, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer usable program code tangibly embedded therein, the computer usable medium comprising ~~, said program allowing the computer device to execute:~~

computer usable program code configured to invite clients to a virtual shopping session, computer usable code configured to create a step of forming a group session control unit for creating a group session by integrating a plurality of individual sessions and computer usable code configured to pass ~~for passing~~ a command to an application execution unit; and

computer usable program code configured to provide a step of forming a page navigation control unit for providing a web page common to each of the individual sessions.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the computer device to further execute:

notify a step of forming a synchronization control unit for notifying each of individual session destinations of a shared status of the web page; and

allow a step of forming a mutual communication control unit for allowing a plurality of the individual session destinations to exchange messages.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the

~~computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to switch program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the group session control unit to execute a step of switching ownership of initiative of web page operation.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to create data program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the page navigation control unit to execute a step of creating data created by compiling the web page and an identification value corresponding to the data when a new web page is displayed and store of storing the data and the identification value in a storage device in association with each other.~~

Claims 12 - 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A collaboration system for allowing client devices to collaborate through a network in a virtual shopping session, the system comprising:

a plurality of the client devices connected to the network; and a server apparatus for receiving requests from the client devices, responding to the client devices, and providing a collaboration environment common to the plurality of client devices, wherein the server apparatus includes means for inviting clients to participate in a virtual shopping session, for providing a group session formed by integrating communication sessions among the plurality of client devices, and means for synchronizing the client devices in the collaboration environment; and further wherein each of the client device includes means for synchronizing according to a web page commonly displayed among the plurality of client devices.

Claim 15 (canceled)